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WHAT A GREAT WEEKEND!!!! WE DID IT...OUR FIRST FESTIVAL IN FOUR YEARS!!!!

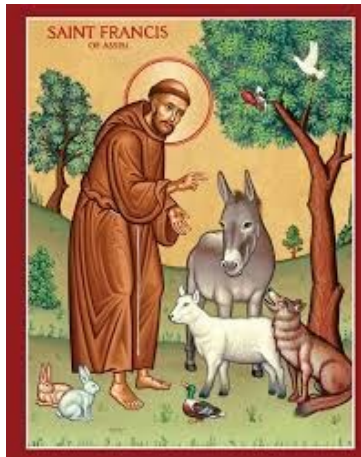
A lot of effort went into preparing everything for the Festival so a great THANK YOU to the organizers. Plans became a reality this past weekend. HOW GREAT EVERYTHING TURNED OUT! If you wanted something to eat, there was an assortment of food and enough liquid refreshment to quench your thirst. If you came to try your luck and win some prizes there were plenty of games. If you wanted to enjoy the entertainment, there was plenty of entertainment for your enjoyment. All this was able to happen because of the tremendous number of VOLUNTEERS FROM OUR FAITH COMMUNITY, FROM OUR CHURCH AND OUR SCHOOL AND FRIENDS OF OUR LADY OF GRACE.

As at the 9:00 AM Outdoor Mass on Sunday, September 24th, I offered the proverb: It takes a Village to raise a child. It takes a multitude of peoples to have an event be successful. What a successful event took place right here at Our Lady of Grace – OLG FESTIVAL 2023 – this past weekend.

THANKS TO EACH AND EVERYONE WHO WERE INVOLVED IN FESTIVAL 2023!

Keep up your enthusiasm and involvement, IT'S A BLESSING FOR THE OUR LADY OF GRACE FAITH COMMUNITY, FOR OUR PARISH AND FOR OUR SCHOOL.

-Fr. Raphael



The Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time (October 8th)

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?* Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

OUR LADY OF GRACE 2023 FESTIVAL WORD OF THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS & DONORS

A special word of thanks to all those many generous Sponsors and Donors who contributed financially to our Festival this year. This money enables us to do the many things that are a necessary part (and expense) of the Festival and provides operating capital to fund things prior to the weekend. Many of these sponsors and donors have been longtime and faithful contributors to Our Lady of Grace and we are most grateful to them. In turn, we especially encourage your consideration and support of these local businesses.

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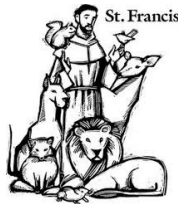
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FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

The Friars invite you to celebrate the
Feast of St. Francis this week!



Tuesday, October 3rd Transfiguration

Join them at 7:00pm for the *Transitus of St. Francis*, from life through death to eternal life. This is a very ancient prayer of the Friars and not to be missed.

Wednesday, October 4th Our Lady of Grace

We celebrate the *Solemnity of St. Francis* at 8:15am (School Liturgy) and at 7:00pm.

Saturday, October 7th Our Lady of Grace

Bring your well socialized pet and join us for *Blessing of the Animals* at the Gathering Area at 11:00am. Please keep dogs on leashes, cats in carriers and other animals in appropriate tether. Thank you!

2023 RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

The Festival Raffle is another great tradition and we are happy to announce the winners: *Our Grand Prize Winner is Adriana Perino! 2nd Prize went to Gloria Serpa!* Congratulations to you both!

YEARLY MASS ATTENDANCE COUNTING

October is a very important month for our Church. Beginning on October 8th at each of the weekend Masses, there will be ushers walking down the side aisles counting the number of parishioners present at the Masses. These numbers will be submitted to the Diocese of Oakland. Let us take this opportunity to invite friends and to bring your entire family to OLG to worship.

**JESUS CHRIST
is LORD!**

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We deeply thank the following donors who have given generously towards sponsoring our Altar Candle Memorial.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Did you know?

1. Our school's standardized test scores are the highest in the area. So when someone says to you, "Castro Valley has a great public school system" say "yes, I agree, but in spite of that, Our Lady of Grace students score higher than their students on standardized tests".

2. Our students come before Our Lord for Exposition, Adoration and Benediction on the second Wednesday of the month after the 8:15am Mass with Benediction at 10:15am. Come join us and spend some time in quiet adoration.

3. I met with the principal of Moreau High School last week and was not surprised to hear that the "Our Lady of Grace Catholic School students are superbly prepared for High School and do remarkably well as they transition to this new role". I was pleased but not surprised.

Spread the word, we have seats waiting to be filled and God is part and parcel of everything that we do. For more information about OLG School and to apply, please visit: <https://www.olgschool.org/>

In Our Lady's Name and Love,
Gena McGowan



ICF POLENTA FEED

Branch #343 of the Italian Catholic Federation will host a polenta dinner on **October 12th** at Stack Center. Doors open at 5:30pm and dinner is at 6:00pm. Dinner will include Polenta, Sauce, Italian Sausage, Salad, Bread, Dessert, Wine and Soft Drinks. Tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members and can be purchased by **October 5th**. To purchase your tickets online, visit: <https://www.tinyurl.com/icfpolentafeed> or in person at the Parish Office. Hope you can join us!

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Stewardship of treasure involves trust in God. You have to really believe in God's Providence and trust that if you give 10% of your income to the Church and charity, for example, God will help you live on the rest.

Offerings of for the Month of SEPTEMBER:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 35,339.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 38,000.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [2,661.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 203.00

May God bless your continuing generosity.



Your Prayers Are Requested

Please lift up in your prayer those among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

Jaime Arce
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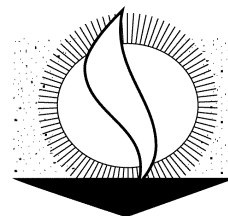
Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

In Memorial

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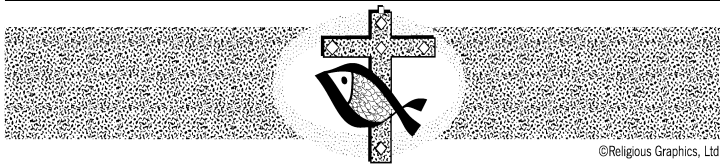
The word
of the Lord
lights the way

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER WITH THE FRANCISCANS Save the Date - November 4th



Planning for the celebration of the *42nd Year of the Province of the St. Joseph of Cupertino* is underway. Make plans to dine and enjoy an evening with our Franciscans as we raise funds supporting the Franciscan Seminarians. Cost is \$50 per person. More details to come!



CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS! Confirmation Needs Your Help!

OLG is blessed to have a very large Confirmation Class this year! Matt & Leanne Thomas, our dedicated Confirmation Instructors, are looking for five (5) individuals to assist during sessions. *No teaching experience is required only a willingness to assist the instructors with distribution of class materials and assisting students during these sessions.* Classes are held at Stack Center from 12:00pm until 2:00pm, 2 to 3 Sundays a month. The Program has already started and will continue until May of 2024. If you would like to get to know our young Confirmation Candidates and can spare a couple of hours on a Sunday, please contact Roberta Santiago, csmbert@gmail.com or 510-733-5193 to discuss the Confirmation Program schedule and your opportunity to get to know and support our youth!



ST. VINCENT de PAUL THANK YOU!

St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank all of you who support us with your prayers and monthly financial contributions. We continue to help our neighbors in a variety of different ways: food, gas cards, utilities, rent, etc. Who are we helping? (names have been changed)

Lily is living in a tent in her friend's backyard. She was hospitalized with congestive heart failure in January and has been unable to work. It took a number of months before she could see her doctor and have him sign her disability application. In the meantime, she ran through her savings. We have helped her with food and gas cards as she works to get cleared to go back to work. We are encouraging her to move back to where she has family so that she can receive additional support.

We are grateful for all the support given to us by the OLG community. Without you, we would be unable to help all these neighbors. If you or someone you know needs help, please contact us at 510-581-2164. Please keep us and those we help in your prayers.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The Immaculata is aware of all the difficulties and all the troubles and arranges all things only in view of a greater good."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 1st:

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses

7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am—Church

1st Communion-Year 2 Class

10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation Class

12:15pm—Stack Center

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church

Tuesday, October 3rd:

Men's Cursillo Meeting

6:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Women's Faith Sharing

7:00pm—Stack Center

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, October 4th:

Solemnity of St. Francis

8:15am & 7:00pm—Church

Pre-Baptism Class

7:00pm—Parish Office

RCIA Class

7:00pm—Parish Office

Thursday, October 5th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

6:00pm—Church

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

7:00pm—Parish Office

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm—Augustine Center

Friday, October 6th:

1st Friday Latin Mass

7:00pm—Church

Saturday, October 7th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

8:45am—Church

Militia Immaculata Meeting

10:00am—Stack Center, OLG Room

Blessing of the Animals

11:00am—Gathering Area

Vigil Mass

5:00pm—Church

Mass for the Intentions Week

SUNDAY, October 1st

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am OLG Community
 9:00am Madge Basuino – D
 11:00am Helen Maes – D
 1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

MONDAY, October 2nd

The Holy Guardian Angels

8:15am Mario & Rita Venturini – D

TUESDAY, October 3rd

8:15am Carlo Barroso – L

WEDNESDAY, October 4th

St. Francis of Assisi

8:15am Debi Telles – D

THURSDAY, October 5th

St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

8:15am Alberto Reveles – D

FRIDAY, October 6th

St. Bruno, Priest

Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

8:15am Aster Lim – D

SATURDAY, October 7th

Our Lady of the Rosary

8:15am Larry Perino – L

5:00pm Lucia Lee – L

SUNDAY, October 8th

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Carlo P. Barroso – L

9:00am Ester Baclig – D

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Alfonso & Carolina De La Torre

THIS WEEK--Continued**Sunday, October 8th:***Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Masses

7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am—Church

Whole Family-Year 1 Class

10:15am—Stack Center

Whole Family Program Class

10:15am—Augustine Center

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**October 2nd through October 8th**

Monday: Zechariah 8:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5, 10
 Tuesday: Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62
 Thursday: Nehemiah 8:1-12; Luke 10:1-12
 Friday: Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16
 Saturday: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24
 Sunday: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9;
 Matthew 21:33-43

**1ST FRIDAY****TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS**

Join us for Traditional Latin Mass on
October 6th at 7:00pm, dedicated to the
 Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**WINGS - WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT**

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, Catechesis, life sharing and community. Our theme this year is *"Joy for the Journey: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice."*

Our meeting will be the Transfiguration Church Hall.
 Please follow Covid-19 safety protocols.

Next Meeting: **October 5th**, 9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Jonathan Lowell, Director of SF St. Francis
 Dining Room

Topic: *"Hope in the St. Francis Living Room"*

For further information or if you would like to attend,
 please contact: Carolyn Willkie at
willkiecarolyn@gmail.com.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The first job of all is to understand the psychological forces at work in ourselves and in society."

-Thomas Merton, 1961

To join our work with Pax Christi, please contact
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